

that application of the standard would diminish the safety of the miners. In addition, the petitioner asserts that the proposed alternative method would provide at least the same protection as would the mandatory standard.

Request for Comments

Persons interested in these petitions may furnish written comments. These comments must be filed with the Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Room 627, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22203. All comments must be postmarked or received in that office on or before July 25, 1997. Copies of these petitions are available for inspection at that address.

Dated: June 17, 1997.

Patricia W. Silvey,

Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Mine Safety and Health Administration

Petition for Modification

The following party has filed a petition to modify the application of a mandatory safety standard under section 101(c) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977.

Monterey Coal Company

[Docket No. M-97-65-C]

Monterey Coal Company, Rural Route 4, Box 235, Carlinville, Illinois 62626 has filed a petition to modify the application of 30 CFR 75.1700 (oil and gas wells) to its No. 1 Mine (I.D. No. 11-00726) located in Macoupin County, Illinois. The petitioner proposes to mine through oil and gas wells with the longwall system after they have been properly plugged. In addition, the petitioner proposes to mine through plugged oil and gas wells with continuous miners when no barrier can be left during development mining at its No. 1 Mine. The petitioner states that using the proposed alternative method would guarantee equal or better protection to the miners.

Request for Comments

Persons interested in this petition may furnish written comments. These comments must be filed with the Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances, Mine Safety and Health Administration, Room 627, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22203.

All comments must be postmarked or received in that office on or before July 25, 1997. A copy of this petition is available for inspection at that address.

Dated: June 16, 1997.

Edward C. Hugler,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Mine Safety and Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

Advisory Committee on Construction Safety and Health: Request for Nomination of Members

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), U.S. Department of Labor.

ACTION: Advisory Committee on Construction Safety and Health (ACCSH): Request for Nomination of Members.

The Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health invites and requests the public to nominate individuals by July 31, 1997, for appointment to the Advisory Committee on Construction Safety and Health. ACCSH is authorized under section 107(e)(1) of the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 333) and section 7(b) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 656). The function of ACCSH is to advise the Assistant Secretary on occupational safety and health standards in the construction industry and policy affecting federally-financed or federally-assisted construction.

ACCSH meets two to four times per year for one or two days per meeting. Some terms will expire on August 15, 1998, and others on August 15, 1999. Any member absent from two consecutive meetings will be replaced for the duration of his or her term.

The five categories of membership and the number of representatives to be appointed in each category are listed below:

- Representatives of employee interests (five).
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- Representatives of State safety and health agencies (two).
- Representatives qualified by knowledge and experience related to construction safety and health (two). This includes representatives of

professional safety and health groups or standards-producing groups.

- Representatives from, and appointed by, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (not appointed by OSHA).

Nominees must have specific experience and be actively engaged in work related to occupational safety and health in the construction industry. Members (other than representatives of employers and employees) must not have an economic interest in any proposed standard. Nominations for a particular category of membership should come from groups or people within that category.

OSHA requires the particular information listed below. Nominations must include (1) nominee's resume or curriculum vitae, (2) all categories of membership for which the nominee can serve, (3) nominee's involvement in federally-funded or federally-assisted construction, (4) a summary of background, experience and qualifications that makes the nominee well-suited for each of those particular categories of membership, (5) the nominee's date of birth, (6) the nominee's Social Security number, (7) the nominee's current address, (8) the nominee's telephone number, (9) the nominee's fax number (if available), and (10) the nominee's e-mail address (if available). In addition, each nomination must state that the nominee is (11) aware of the nomination, (12) willing to serve, (13) able to attend meetings, and (14) free of apparent conflicts of interest that would preclude unbiased service on ACCSH. Nominations of past or existing members must also include (15) the period of previous appointment(s), (16) a list of all ACCSH and workgroup meetings attended and missed, and (17) a summary of significant contributions made in producing written recommendations to OSHA. The nomination should also include a writing sample authored solely by the nominee and a description of the nominee's oral communications skills.

The Department of Labor is committed to equal opportunity in the workplace and seeks a broad-based and diverse ACCSH membership. Send nominations no later than July 31, 1997, to Ms. Teresa M.B. Martinez, Department of Labor, OSHA, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room S-2315, Washington, D.C. 20210. For further information, contact Ms. Martinez at 202-219-6091.